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MEMORANDUM FOR:	Director	of	Economic	: Research	
FROM:	Director	of	Central	Intelligence	

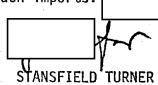
Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Proposed Embargo on Persian Carpets

1. At an SCC meeting on 31 December, someone suggested that we should try to embargo the importation of Persian carpets, the point being that this would hurt the small cottage industries around Iran and thus rouse the people against the policies of Khomeini.

2. I note in your intelligence assessment, "Iranian Socio-Economic Interest Groups," of November that carpet exports are "totally banned." Is this still the case? If it is not, is there anything therein that we should prohibit such imports?



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